



# Grace Episcopal Church

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Festival Eucharist, Rite II



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## WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are pleased to welcome you to Grace Church. If you are joining us for the first time, please send us a message at [welcome@gracealex.org](mailto:welcome@gracealex.org), so we can get to know you. We can also add you to our mailing list by request. We're glad to have you join with us in worshipping God in the beauty of holiness, something which is central to our identity at Grace. We hope you will join with us in sharing the love of God with this world that needs healing. Assisted listening devices are available for use during worship. Please see an usher if you'd like to use one.

 Please silence your cell phones during worship.

### Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

*through life-giving liturgical worship + joyful community + empowering others*

### Contacting Grace

Please feel free to contact our staff.

Our office hours are Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Fridays.  
(Mother Anne & Mother Emma are out of the office on Mondays & Father Jon is out of the office on Fridays)

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### IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE?

Clergy and staff are available for pastoral care. Please call the church office at (703) 549-1980 if you're ill or need pastoral care. For emergencies after hours, please call the **After-hours Emergency Number: (703) 261-9079**, and the priest on call will assist you.

### HOME COMMUNION

Home Communion is available upon request for parishioners who desire this service by Eucharistic Visitors every Sunday. Home Communion will be in one form, Bread only. To request Home Communion, parishioners are asked to contact the Parish Office by telephone at 703-549-1980 no later than 12 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday on which they would like to receive Home Communion.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
FESTIVAL EUCHARIST, RITE II

*Children 3 months until 3 years are welcome in the nursery. Please ask an usher to direct you.*

PRELUDE

*The people stand.*

INTROIT ANTIPHON (choir)

Exaudi, Domine

Plainsong, Tone VII

Consider, O Lord, and hear me, when I cry unto thee, alleluia; unto thee my heart hath said, thy face, Lord, have I sought: thy face, Lord, will I seek; O hide not thou thy face from thy servant, alleluia, alleluia. The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom then shall I fear? (Ps. 27: 8, 9, 1)

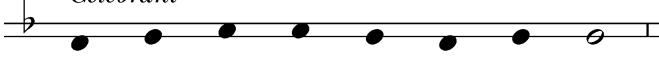
HYMN 450

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Coronation

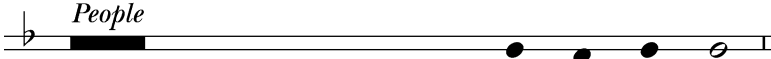
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

*People*



The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

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THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, P. 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Children ages 3 years – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

William Mathias, Hymnal S-278



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 222

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:6-14

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of

Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*The psalm is sung by all.*

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36

*Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)*



1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be | scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee be-| fore him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it a-| way; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of | God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before | God; \*  
let them also be merry and | joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the | heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before | him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of | widows, \*  
God in his holy habi-| tation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into | freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry | places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your | people, \*  
when you marched through the | wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of | Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of | Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your in-| heritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was | weary.

10 Your people found their | home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the | poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the | earth; \*  
sing praises to the | Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient | heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty | voice.

35 Ascribe power to | God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the | skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy | places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be | God!

*Lector* A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (choir)

Regnavit Dominus

*Plainsong, Tone VI*

*Alleluia, alleluia. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat, alleluia. I will not leave you comfortless: I go away and come again unto you, and your heart shall rejoice, alleluia.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated.*

SERMON

The Rev. Jon Scarffe

*Silence is kept.*

*The people stand.*

NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 326

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Form III; BCP, p. 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**  
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**  
We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**  
We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**  
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**  
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**  
Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**  
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

*Celebrant*

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

*Deacon*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Deacon and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 360

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

THE OFFERTORY *If you prefer to give electronically, you can scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit [www.gracealex.org](http://www.gracealex.org), click the red give button at the top, and click the green "Give Online" button.*



OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (choir)

Jubilate Deo

Plainsong, Tone II

*God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, alleluia. (Ps. 47:5)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

It Is Well with my Soul

David Schwoebel  
Shelton Love - Organ

*The people stand and sing the hymn.*

HYMN 460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, p. 367

*Celebrant* *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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*The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

William Mathias, Hymnal S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*William H. Plant*

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-lowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en.  
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who tres-pass a-gainst us.  
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glo-ry,  
For ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
 sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Eucharist.*

*Please come forward to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers.*

*A full communion is made with the bread alone, but if you choose to receive the wine, you may either drink from the cup, or you may offer your wafer to the person holding the chalice, who will dip the bread in the wine for you.*

*If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; simply ask the priest.*

*If you don't wish to receive communion at the altar, please let an usher know and communion can be brought to you in your pew.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (choir)

Pater, cum essem

Plainsong Tone I

*Father, while I was with them in the world, I kept those that thou gavest me, alleluia: and now I come to thee: I pray thee not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil, alleluia, alleluia.*

(John 17:12, 13, 15)

HYMN 307

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

Bryn Calfarina

THE SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People* We who are many are one body, because we share in one bread, one cup.

*The people stand or kneel.*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*All stand and sing the hymn.*

CLOSING HYMN 494

Crown him with many crowns

*Diademata*

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

Sing the first verse only

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain, By His coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain, 'Neath His wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain, When life's per - ils thick con-found you,  
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain, Keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you,

With His sheep se - cure - ly fold you, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Put His arms un - fail - ing round you, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Smite death's threat-'ning wave be - fore you, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY

**SERVING @ GRACE TODAY**

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*Deacon & Preacher*

The Rev. Jon Scarffe

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MAY 17, 2026

**The weekly announcement deadline is Monday at 12 p.m.**

Submissions after the deadline will be held for the following week. Please limit submissions to 75 words. Announcements will be edited for content/length. Email requests to [announcements@gracealex.org](mailto:announcements@gracealex.org).

**The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.**

*If you would like to dedicate Altar Flowers for an upcoming Sunday, scan the QR code to the right.*



\*\*\*\*\* Headings for New Announcements Added This Week are Shaded. \*\*\*\*\*

### FINAL ADULT FORUM BEFORE SUMMER BREAK

► **May 17: Learning to Love through Racial Reconciliation:** The conversation continues, by Tracy Enger. During the Sunday School year, Adult Forum meets Sundays 9:40-10:15 a.m. in the St. Mark room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) or virtually via Zoom link sent in the Sunday morning email. Tea and coffee are available just outside the St. Mark Room from 9:30 a.m. All are welcome at any forum; no commitment required. Adult Forum and Sunday School will then resume in September.

Planning for next fall is already beginning! If you have suggestions for topics or presenters, please contact Anne Clift Boris at [awcboris@hotmail.com](mailto:awcboris@hotmail.com).

### ALEXANDRIA REGIONAL YOUTH GAMES NIGHT - TONIGHT, MAY 17, 6 - 8 P.M.

Come together with youth (6th-12th grade) from Episcopal Churches across Alexandria for a night of fellowship and games. Dinner will be provided, but please send your youth with \$5 to help offset the cost of food. We are hosting here at Grace Church and will play games outside on the field and playground (weather-permitting). Both chill games and active games will be offered, so there's something for everyone. Please scan the QR code to RSVP. Questions? Contact Mother Emma ([emma.brice@gracealex.org](mailto:emma.brice@gracealex.org)).



### MONTHLY VIGIL FOR OUR COUNTRY – MAY 19

This month we will hold the Vigil for our Country on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m. This liturgy includes Holy Eucharist as well as time to offer prayers for vulnerable individuals and groups: immigrants, LGBTQ+ individuals, federal workers, and others.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE DINNER AT CASA CHIRILAGUA – MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

We are looking for a few families or individuals to help serve a community dinner from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Casa Chirilagua (right around the corner from Grace). If you're interested, send an email to Mother Emma ([emma.brice@gracealex.org](mailto:emma.brice@gracealex.org)).

### SHARE THE PEACE AT PENTECOST

Do you speak a language other than English? Help offer the peace on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. Parishioners will say "The peace of the Lord be always with you" in different languages. Please contact Mother Anne ([anne.turner@gracealex.org](mailto:anne.turner@gracealex.org)) to participate.

### CELEBRATE PENTECOST SUNDAY @ GRACE ON MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

We will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, with an ice cream social during Fellowship Hour in the Auditorium. We'll provide the ice cream, please bring your favorite toppings to share! There will also be popsicles after Little Church in the Amphitheater. And don't forget to wear red to symbolize the Holy Spirit on this special day in the church calendar.

### LA GRACIA INVITES ALL TO BINGO EVENT - SATURDAY, MAY 30 AT 3:30 P.M.

Join us for an afternoon of fun playing bingo (in English) on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. We invite you to the Merrow Hall Auditorium for a family-friendly experience. All proceeds will go directly to the 'La Gracia Fund'. Each bingo card is priced at \$5. Don't miss this chance to join La Gracia at an event that will make a difference! We look forward to seeing you on May 30.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MAY 17, 2026 *(continued)*

### HELP MAKE OUR PARISH PICNIC A SUCCESS!

Join Grace Church for our annual parish picnic on May 31st following the 10:30 a.m. bilingual youth-Sunday service. Please note, this is the only service offered on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

The church will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, and beverages. Please bring fruit, chips, cookies, finger desserts, or picnic salads to share. Donations can be dropped off at the church entrances prior to the service (9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.).

Volunteers are requested for set-up and clean-up. Please scan the QR code on the graphic on the right to sign up or email [angiebrane@gmail.com](mailto:angiebrane@gmail.com).

Optional- feel free to bring a picnic blanket or sunshade if desired.



### MUSIC DIRECTOR UPDATE

Josh Harrington has agreed to remain at Grace on a permanent basis as our half-time Music Director. He will begin this role on August 1. We are delighted that Josh will be staying as a part of our staff.

## BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 17	Sonia Hernandez, Meredith Hudson
Tuesday, May 19	John Brown, Dasha Palacios Cortez, Jan Wolff
Wednesday, May 20	Camila Alvarenga, Mike Barron, John Berry
Friday, May 22	Alison Campbell
Saturday, May 23	Joe Donovan, Matt Williams
Sunday, May 24	Debbie Barker



Parishioner birthdays are listed weekly based on records from Breeze, our church database. For birthdays missing or listed on an incorrect date, please contact the church office to update your record. **Thank you!**

## EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 5/17	7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 a.m. La Gracia Santa Eucaristía	Nave	
	9:00 a.m. Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	Formation Hour, Children & Youth - 9:40 a.m.	Various Rooms	
	Adult Forum - 9:40 a.m.	Saint Mark	
	10:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
	Youth Council Meeting - 12 p.m.		<a href="mailto:emma.brice@gracealex.org">emma.brice@gracealex.org</a>
	5:00 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist	Nave	
	Alexandria Region Youth Games Night - 6 p.m.		
Monday, 5/18	Grace Episcopal School Board Meeting - 7 p.m.	St Mark	
Tuesday, 5/19	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Vigil for Our Country - 6 p.m.	Nave	
	Vestry Meeting - 7 p.m.	St. Mark	
Wednesday, 5/20	Evening Prayer - 5:30 p.m.	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed- 703.842.3121
	Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.	Zoom	<a href="mailto:Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org">Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org</a>
	Alcoholics Anonymous - 8 p.m.	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon - 8 p.m.	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 5/21	12:00 p.m. Midweek Eucharist	Lady Altar	
	Food Pantry Bagging - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	<i>For Such a Time as This</i> Book Study - 6:00 p.m.	St. Mark	<a href="mailto:Anne.turner@gracealex.org">Anne.turner@gracealex.org</a>
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 p.m.	Nave	<a href="mailto:Josh.harrington@gracealex.org">Josh.harrington@gracealex.org</a>
	Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 p.m.	St. Cecilia Room	<a href="mailto:Josh.harrington@gracealex.org">Josh.harrington@gracealex.org</a>
	Scotland Pilgrimage Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	St. Mark	<a href="mailto:Anne.turner@gracealex.org">Anne.turner@gracealex.org</a>
Friday, 5/22	Food Pantry Bagging - 3 - 5 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry Distribution - 6 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Saturday, 5/23	Altar Guild Set Up - 9 a.m.	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study - 10 a.m.	Zoom	<a href="mailto:cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com">cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com</a>

## PRAYER @ GRACE THIS WEEK

*We continue praying for all those in need of healing of mind, body, or spirit. We also pray for wisdom and strength for our communities, our elected officials, and our leaders as they make difficult and important decisions. As we join in common prayer this weekend, let us remember those who are in any need or trouble.*

- **Parishioners:** Hector, Debbie, Ed, Colin, Jennifer, Jean, Linda, John, Ismael, Wendy, Lisa, Liz, Claire, Lesley & Kelly, June, Alex, Cristina, Bob, Lisa, Nancy, Joe, Jennifer, Blanca, Don, Reba, Cricket.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Sally, Clare, Marilyn, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette, Cynthia, Elly, Valerie, José, Madison, Henry, Gustavo, Félix.
- **Family & friends:** Klaus, Michael, Sharon, Troy, Cathie, Cameron, Amy, Bill, Theresa, Rob & Sherry, Jack, Eileen, Deanna, Leslie, Sam, Lisa, Margianne, Courtney, Gina, Joanne, Jim, Theresa, Ron, Charlotte, Robert, Barbara, Shelton, Chrissy, Dave & Donna.
- **Members of our staff:** Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, Father Jon, Josh, Kevin, Kim, Pedro, Seth.
- **Grace School:** Students & their families; for the staff, especially Amanda, head of school.
- **Outreach & Justice Partners:** ALIVE, Casa Chirilagua, Christ Church Refugee and Lazarus Ministries, Community Lodgings, Haiti Micah Project, Health Tanzania, Meade Memorial Lunch Program, Tenants and Workers, V.O.I.C.E., Kathleen and Eddie Arthur Hearts of Love Fund.
- **Those who have died:** those who have died from illnesses and natural disasters; all those killed in acts of terror, violence, and war around the world.
- **Those serving our country in the Armed Forces and State Department overseas:** Karen & Eric Coulson, Erika Olander; for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war, and for physical and mental well-being of all veterans.
- **Others who are overseas serving the Church or our nation or teaching or studying abroad:** Chris & Melissa Reed, Virginia Robinson, Julie Mills Cizek & Theo Halliwell; the Epifanovskiye family.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** St. James's, Richmond; St. Stephen's, Richmond; Triangle of Hope.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; Diocese of Yukon, Anglican Church of Canada; Diocese of Zaki-Biam, Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); Missionary Diocese of Zambezia, Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola; Diocese of Central Zambia, Church of the Province of Central Africa; Diocese of Eastern Zambia, Church of the Province of Central Africa; Diocese of Northern Zambia, Church of the Province of Central Africa.

You can fill out a [Prayer Request Form](#) on our Website or email your request to [prayers@gracealex.org](mailto:prayers@gracealex.org).